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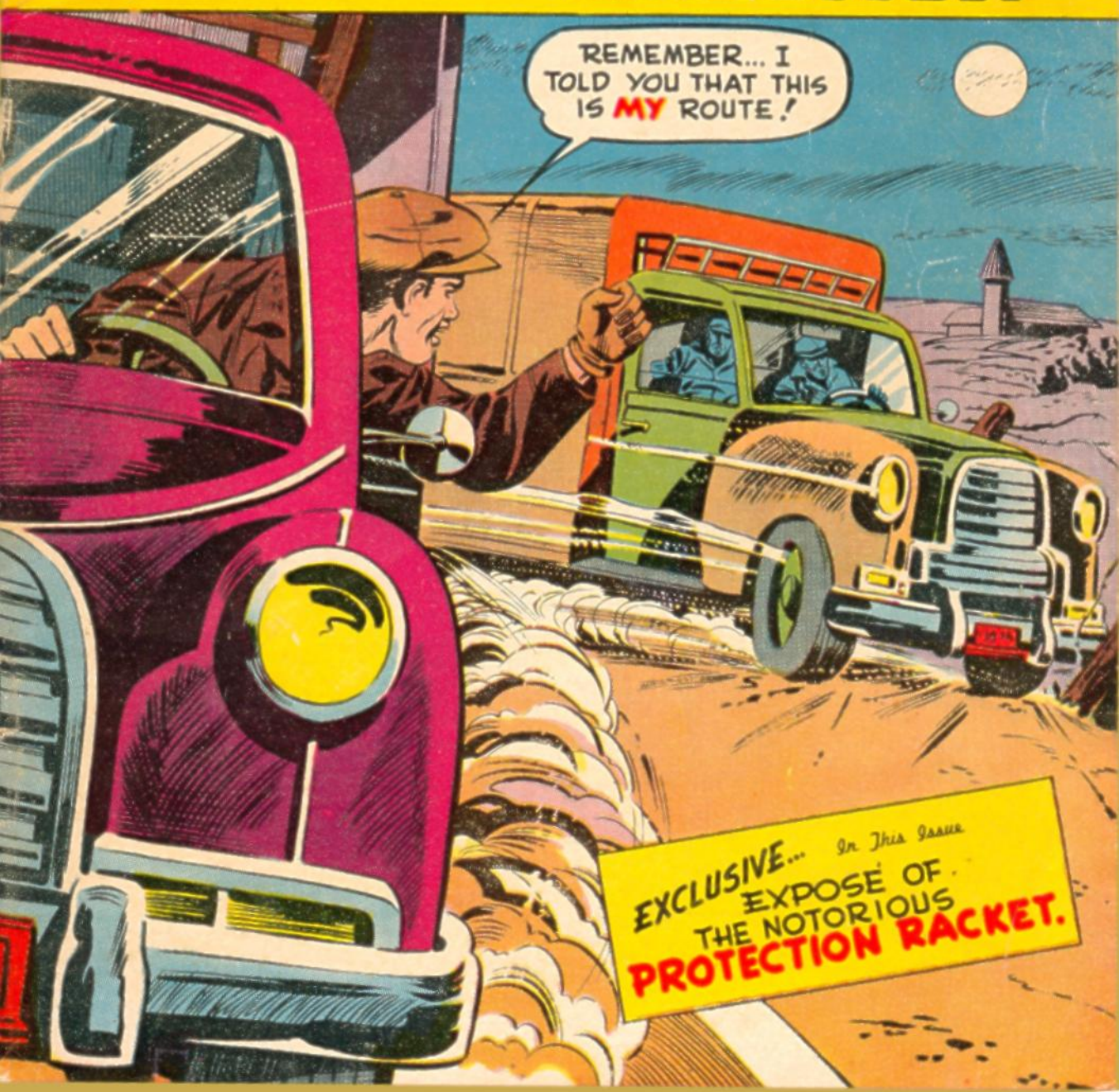


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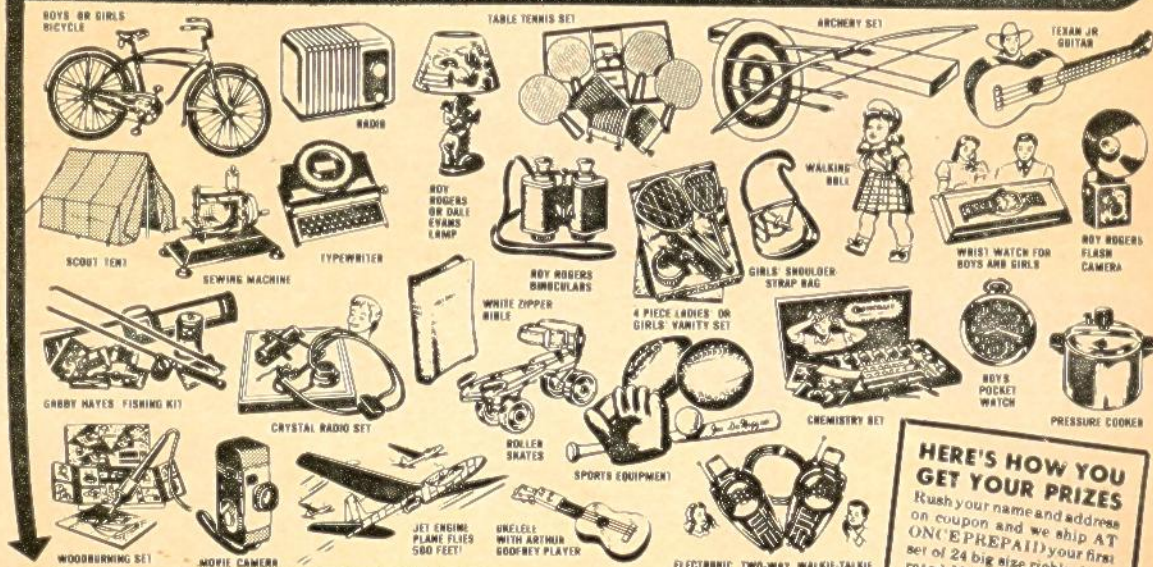
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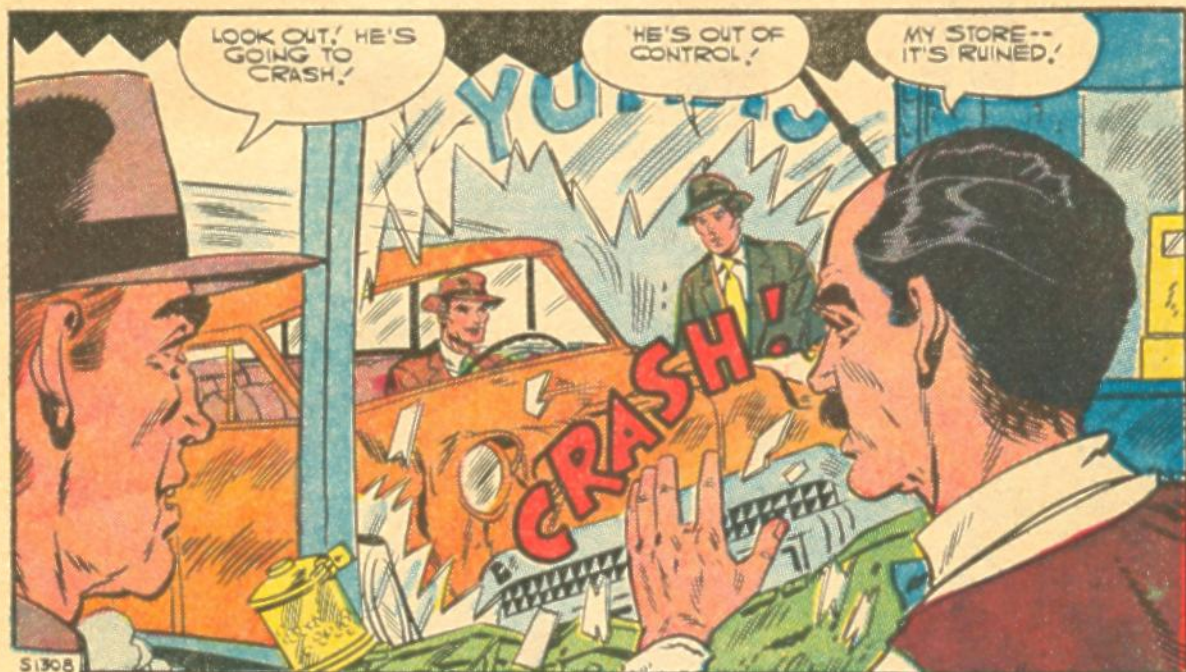
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Alfred P. Fago Executive Editor

THROUGH THE BROKEN WINDOW



LET'S SEE YOUR LICENSE, MAC-- AND YOUR REGISTRATION CARD TOO!

HERE YOU ARE, COPPER! I LOST CONTROL--THE OLD MAN CAN SUE BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE ME IN, SEE?

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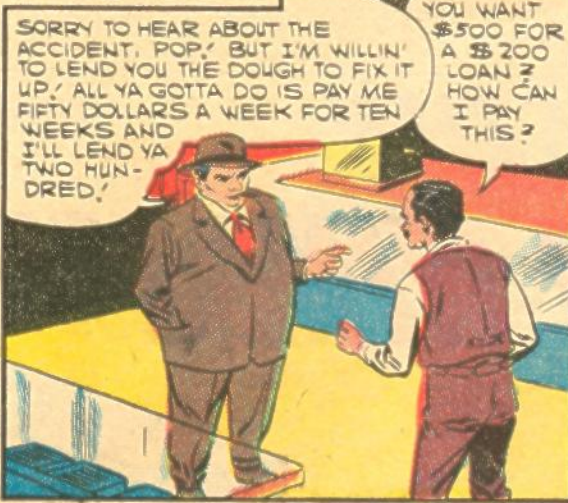
I'M AFRAID HE'S RIGHT, MR. AGNELLO, I CAN'T ARREST HIM! ALL YOU CAN DO IS SUE FOR DAMAGES AND I'LL BET HE'S NOT EVEN INSURED!

SUE HIM? HE GOT NO JOB, HE GOT NO MONEY AND YOU RIGHT, HE NOT INSURED! I NOT INSURED NEITHER! HOW I FIX MY STORE, EH?



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NEXT DAY, TUFFY QUINN CAME TO POP AGNELLO WITH HIS ANSWER...



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WHEN POP WAS WELL ENOUGH TO GO BACK TO THE STORE, TUFFY GREETED HIM...

YEAH, POP, I TOLD YOU HOW MAD THEY GET, BUT I GOT A BETTER DEAL FOR YA! THEN YA CAN FORGET ABOUT THE DOUGH! WHATTA YA SAY?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT DEALS, GO AWAY, I PAY BACK!



HERE'S ALL YA DO -- JUST TELL ME WHEN ANYBODY AROUND HERE BRINGS HOME SOME REAL DOUGH! THAT'S ALL -- I DO SOME BUSINESS WITH HIM AND YOU GET A COMMISSION! PEOPLE LIKE THAT CONTRACTOR, SWEENEY SOMETIMES BRINGS IN FORTY OR FIFTY GRAND FOR A PAYROLL! BETTER DO IT!



I MUST DO IT, ROSA! OTHERWISE MAYBE HOSPITAL WON'T HELP NEXT TIME!

TONY, IT'S BAD THING! YOU MUST NOT DO IT!



HE'S BRING MONEY HOME TONIGHT! TOMORROW MORNING HE PAY MEN!

THAT'S GOOD, POP! NOW TONIGHT AT TEN O'CLOCK YOU COME WITH US! YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO NO-THIN! SEE? JUST BE THERE!



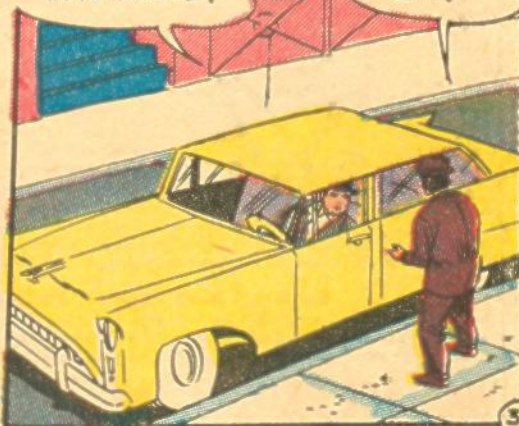
TONY, DON'T GO OUT! I AFRAID!

ROSA, WHY YOU WORRY? I JUST GO FOR WALK!



YOU STAY HERE, POP! I'LL BE SITTING IN THE CAR! IF YOU SEE ANYTHING GIVE ME A SIGNAL! THE BOYS'LL BE OUT IN A MINUTE!

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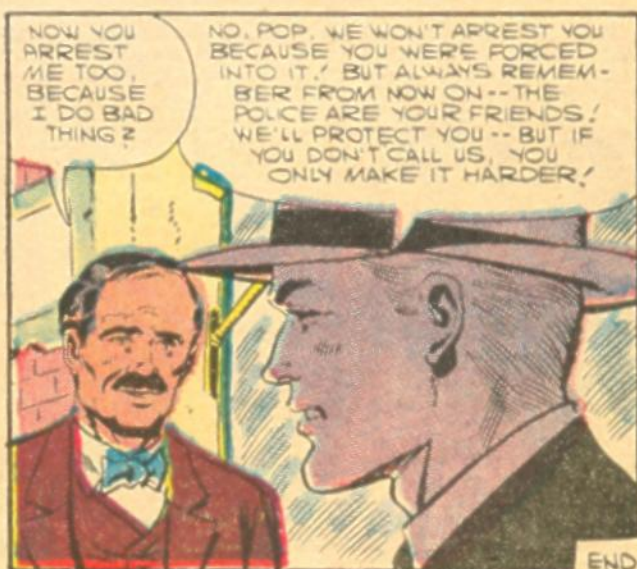
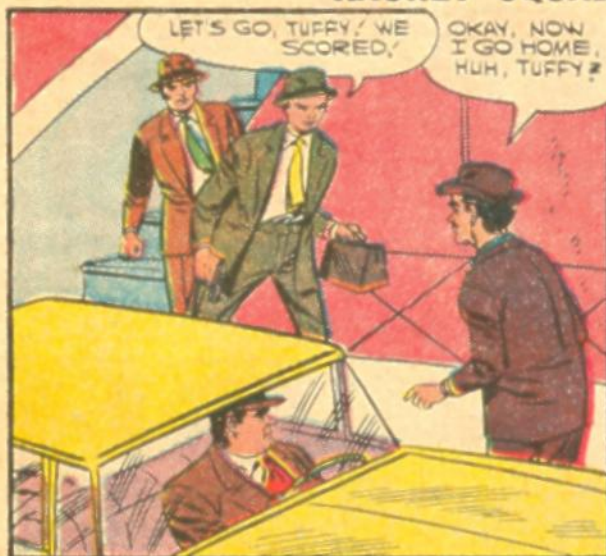
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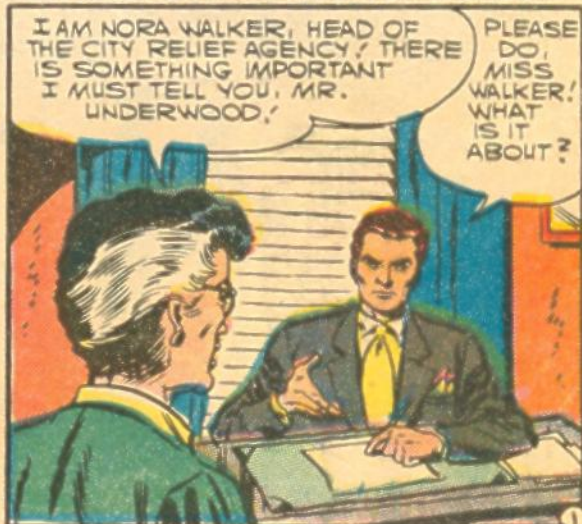
THE RACKET LOOKED HARMLESS ENOUGH AT FIRST GLANCE -- BUT NOT UNTIL DETECTIVE BOB UNDERWOOD LEARNED THE EXTENT TO WHICH THOSE PERPETRATORS OF HOAX WENT IN THEIR PRACTICES DID HE KNOW THAT HE WAS DEALING WITH AN EVIL THAT FED ON HEART-BREAK AND HUMAN GRIEF...



THE PREVIOUS SUNDAY BOB UNDERWOOD OF RESORT CITY'S BUNCO SQUAD HAD PASSED THE PLACE OF MME. DE FAYNE ON THE BOARDWALK... HE HAD THOUGHT LITTLE OF THE PLACE AT THE TIME...



BUT ONE MORNING, A FEW DAYS LATER...



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"A MRS. McCALL APPLIED FOR RELIEF! WE INVESTIGATED HER AND..."

MRS. McCALL, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR WANTING CITY RELIEF! YOU'RE PRESUMED TO BE COMFORTABLY SITUATED!

OH, BUT THAT WAS BEFORE I GAVE MY SAVINGS TO MADAME DE FAYNE! YOU SEE, MY DECEASED HUSBAND TOLD ME TO DO SO!

YOU MEAN THE MEDIUM ON THE BOARDWALK? AND YOUR HUSBAND'S SPIRIT SPOKE TO YOU, INSTRUCTING YOU TO TURN YOUR MONEY OVER TO THE MEDIUM? HOW MUCH DID YOU GIVE, MAY I ASK?

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! YOU SEE, HE TOLD ME YOU WOULD TAKE CARE OF ME IF I DID WHAT HE ASKED!

WE'RE HELPING THE WOMAN, OF COURSE! BUT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ABOUT MME. DE FAYNE!

INDEED IT MUST, MISS WALKER! I THINK THE RACKET SQUAD WILL TAKE A HAND IN THAT BUSINESS!

AT THE SUGGESTION OF CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, ED BALL, BOB UNDERWOOD CALLED IN MRS. JANET CARLSON, POLICE WOMAN...

JANET, BOB AND I HAVE BEEN THINKING UP AN ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME A RICH WIDOW WITH MORE MONEY THAN 'GOOD SENSE'!

A MRS. HELEN CREW! WE'VE ALREADY OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM THE REAL MRS. CREW! HERE IS OUR PLAN...

LATER THAT DAY...

OH, TO THINK YOU CAN CONTACT MY DEAR EARL! I MISS HIM SO MUCH!

THAT IS WHY I AM HERE, MRS. CREW! TO HELP PEOPLE LIKE YOU! MONEY DOES NOT MATTER! TWO DOLLARS DOES NOT NEARLY COVER MY EXPENSES!

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MME. DE FAYNE WENT INTO HER ACT...



CALLING FOR EARL CREW... ARE YOU THERE, EARL CREW...? YOUR WIFE IS TRYING TO CONTACT YOU...

I'M SORRY, DEAR, THE ETHER SEEMS TO BE CLOUDED BY DOUBTS...

IF YOU WILL COME BACK IN A WEEK, I'M SURE I WILL BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOUR HUSBAND.

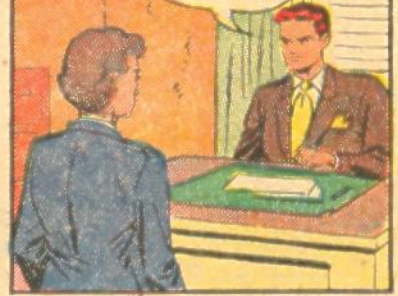
OH, I DO HOPE YOU CAN!



LATER...

SO THAT'S IT, BOB! I'M TO GO BACK IN A WEEK!

THAT WEEK GIVES MME. DE FAYNE TIME TO LOOK YOU UP, WHEN SHE LEARNS HOW MUCH MRS. CREW HAS IN THE BANK. I'M SURE SHE'LL CONTACT EARL CREW!



A WEEK LATER, THE "CLOUDY" ETHER CLEARED UP AND...

DARLING HELEN! AT LAST WE'VE MADE CONTACT! PERHAPS I'LL NEVER HAVE TO GO SO LONG WITHOUT SPEAKING WITH YOU AGAIN! THANKS TO MADAM DE FAYNE!

OH, EARL, ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? IF THERE WERE ONLY A WAY TO SHOW APPRECIATION?

THERE IS, DARLING! GIVE MME. DE FAYNE ALL SHE ASKS FOR! YOU'VE PLENTY AND WON'T MISS IT! AND HER WORK IS VERY TIRING! SHE MUST TRAVEL... STUDY -- VERY EXPENSIVE!

OH, EARL, WHY DIDN'T I BRING MONEY WITH ME? I WILL, EARL, I'LL DO AS YOU SAY!

AND DON'T WAIT LONG, DEAR! IT'S TERRIBLY LONELY HERE WITHOUT YOU!

I WON'T, EARL! I'LL GET THE MONEY RIGHT AWAY!

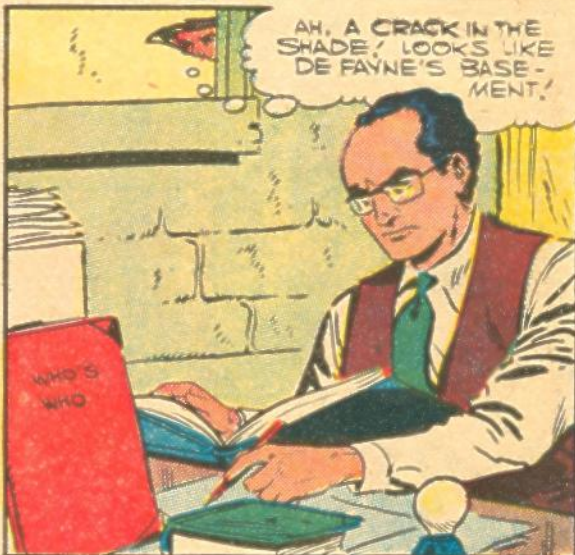


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THAT NIGHT BOB UNDERWOOD EXAMINED THE BUILDING WHERE MME. FAYNE HELD HER SEANCES. THIS TIME HE WAS BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE BOARDWALK...



AH, A CRACK IN THE SHADE! LOOKS LIKE DE FAYNE'S BASEMENT!



THEY'RE GOING OVER RECORDS, PROBABLY LOOKING UP MRS. CREW IN WHO'S WHO!



TWO DAYS LATER...

MME. DE FAYNE, I MUST CONTACT EARL AGAIN. I'VE BROUGHT THE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS YOU ASKED FOR!

GOOD! I'M SURE YOUR HUSBAND WILL BE PLEASED!



I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND HAP... UH... COPS! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?!

IT MEANS YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR FRAUD!



BELOW THE TABLE, MME. DE FAYNE'S FOOT WORKED FRANTICALLY ON A BUTTON...



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RANCID!



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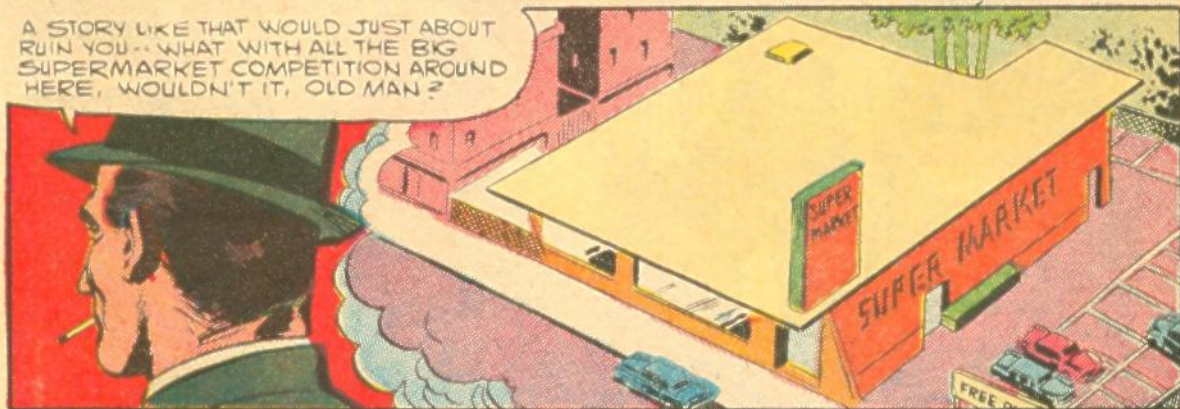
I BROUGHT THIS BUTTER INTO THE STORE JUST NOW AND SLIPPED IT INTO THE FREEZER. NO CUSTOMERS ARE AROUND--SO NO HARM'S BEEN DONE...



...BUT IF ANYBODY ELSE WAS HERE, THEY'D HAVE STARTED SPREADING THE WORD THAT YOU CARRY ROTTEN STUFF!



A STORY LIKE THAT WOULD JUST ABOUT RUIN YOU--WHAT WITH ALL THE BIG SUPERMARKET COMPETITION AROUND HERE, WOULDN'T IT, OLD MAN?



SO, IF YOU DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, YOU'LL PAY UP, TEN BUCKS A WEEK!

B-BUT YOU CANNOT DO THIS--IT IS AGAINST THE LAW!



I'M DOING IT...I'M TAKING THIS TEN SPOT YOU HAD HERE AND I'LL BE BACK NEXT WEEK FOR THE NEXT PAY-OFF!



I WOULDN'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT THIS, OLD MAN--IF I WANTED TO STAY HEALTHY!



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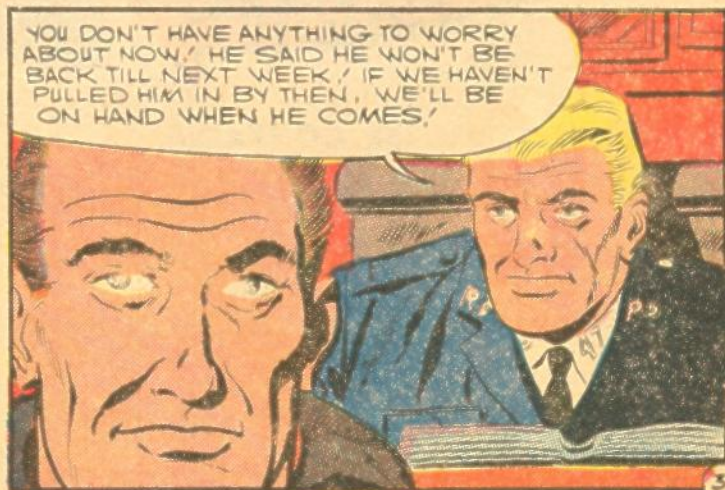
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YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT, OLD MAN,
AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO SEE ME
BEFORE NEXT WEEK...
WAY BEFORE!

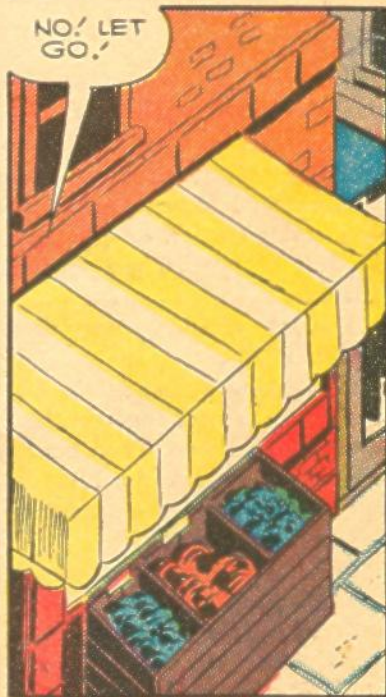
AND SO, IN THE MORNING...



HEY, YOU...



DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE
ME SO SOON, DID YOU?
BUT I TAILED YOU LAST
NIGHT TO THE POLICE
STATION--AND NOW
YOU'RE GOING TO
LEARN THAT...



NO! LET
GO!

LOOKS LIKE **YOU'RE** GOING TO LEARN A
LESSON. ONE OF US HAS BEEN WATCH-
ING OVER MR. DAVIE EVER SINCE HE
LEFT THE STATION HOUSE. DECENT
CITIZENS GET ALL THE PROTECTION
THEY NEED...



...FROM THE MINUTE THEY
REPORT TO US RIGHT
UP TO THE MINUTE WE
PUT RANCID RACKETEERS
LIKE YOU OUT OF
CIRCULATION.

I WAS RIGHT!
IN AMERICA,
THE POLICE
WORK FOR THE PEOPLE!

END

With the shield-like shutters in place, the locomotive cab did become a small fort. Bullets rained against the metal, but instead of obeying the robbers' order to stop, the train picked up speed. Through a slit in the armor, Bull's-eye fired his Colt .45 and managed to wing two of the bandits before they gave up and fled back up the rocky trail.

The whole flurry was over in a few minutes. Foxy was chuckling as he opened one of the shutters. "I reckon I really outsmarted the Seven Brothers. It was real brainy of me to fix up this engine like a fort. And to put the silver in a car that had the safe. I reckon our cargo's out of danger now."

"It is," agreed Bull's-eye.

"You bet it is," chuckled Foxy.

"Till they come back," drawled Bull's-eye.

The train was puffing up a slight grade, heading from the open plains toward a forest. Bull's-eye was still sweeping the landscape with his telescope. Foxy said, "Relax, can't you? We've demoralized the Seven Brothers. Won't be any more trouble from them."

"Listen!" said Bull's-eye.

"Listen?" Foxy looked puzzled. "I can't hear anything but this wheezing fort-on-wheels. What do you hear?"

"An axe," responded Bull's-eye. "Somebody up ahead is swinging an axe."

"What of it? Just some lumbermen at work and . . ."

The train had entered the forest. Up ahead a tree came crashing down, across the rails. Three masked gunmen, stood beside the fallen tree. With an oath, Foxy put on the brakes. The train ground to a halt, its cowcatcher just nudging the bark. Once again the shield shutters were whipped into place, and once more Bull's-eye kept the robbers at a distance with his accurate fire.

"The fools!" fumed Foxy. "This isn't going to get them anywhere. They can't break in here. They can't get at the silver."

"But we're trapped," said Bull's-eye.

Foxy's eyes lighted up. "No we're not. This thing goes in reverse. We'll just back up, return to the mine, get a gang of workmen and . . ."

Once more he was interrupted. This time there was a crash from behind. He looked back and groaned. A hundred yards behind the silver train another tree had been felled across the tracks. "We are trapped!" moaned Foxy.

"Well, it won't do them any good. They still can't get the silver."

The masked men were carefully keeping out of range of Bull's-eye's guns. Four others joined the three who had been standing near the first fallen tree. They seemed to confer. Then they rode off into the woods. "They're gone!" said Foxy. "Let's go out and see if we can pull that tree off the track."

"Sit tight!" commanded Bull's-eye. "That's what they want. Soon as you showed your head they'd shoot it off. Besides, we can't move that tree with our bare hands. Sit tight."

"But what are they doing? Why did they go away?"

"They'll wait out of sight till dark, then they'll come back and smoke us out," said Bull's-eye. "They'll build a fire under us."

Foxy frowned. "I'll have to think of something."

"I've already thought of something," said Bull's-eye. "You sit tight till dark, then do what I tell you. We'll have a fighting chance."

Just past sunset, when the evening was gray, Bull's-eye slipped from the cab on the river side. Soon he had the log chain hooked to the tree. He gave a low whistle. "Whip-poo-will!"

Foxy heard the signal. He started backing the locomotive, slowly. The chain tightened, tugged. The big tree began to slide. Huffing and puffing, the locomotive pulled it, till the trunk was edgewise along the track, but off the rails. Bull's-eye unhooked the chain from the locomotive and yelled, "Full speed ahead!" just as he heard the hoofs and shouts coming up from the woods.

THE engine chugged forward, scraping the big tree, cracking off branches, but plowing ahead. In desperation, the Seven Brothers triggered a fusillade of shots at the fleeing train. One of the masked men spurred his horse, leaped to the logging car, and climbed aboard. Bull's-eye, who had caught the same car from the opposite side a moment before, kayoed him with one blow. The man sprawled unconscious on the flatcar. "When he comes to, he'll either tell us where his brothers' hide-out is, or he'll hang for murder. I think he'll tell us," thought Bull's-eye. All the while he was popping his pistol at the receding Six Brothers, while the train sped on into the night and out of the forest.

In the locomotive cab, Foxy was muttering, "I should change my name. Bull's-eye is the real foxy one! He saved my silver."

"He sure is," said the fireman. THE END

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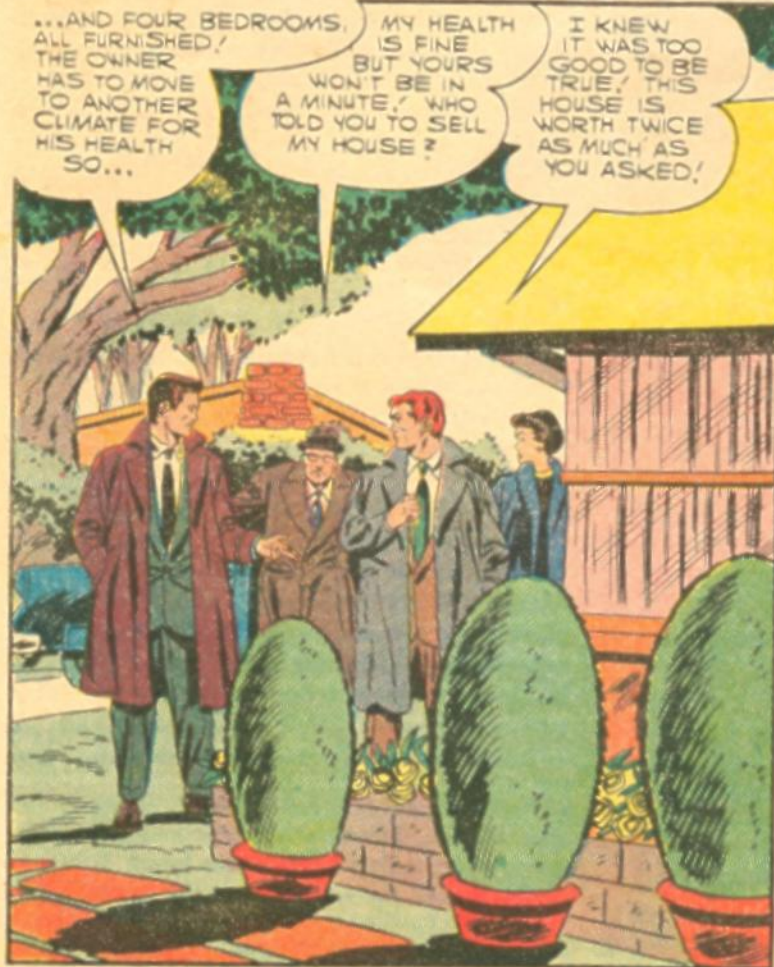
WHO CAN RESIST A BARGAIN? THE AVERAGE CITIZEN, WHEN HE GETS A RARE CHANCE TO GET MORE THAN HIS MONEY'S WORTH IS UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE THE DEAL... AND THAT'S THE WEAKNESS CONRAD BURKLEY WORKED ON IN HIS REAL ESTATE 'BUSINESS'. BURKLEY SPECIALIZED IN PEDDLING FINE OLD HOMES -- COMPLETELY FURNISHED, FOR A FRACTION OF THEIR ACTUAL VALUE. BUYERS WEREN'T HARD TO FIND.

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MY HEALTH IS FINE BUT YOURS WON'T BE IN A MINUTE, WHO TOLD YOU TO SELL MY HOUSE?

I KNEW IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! THIS HOUSE IS WORTH TWICE AS MUCH AS YOU ASKED!



CONRAD BURKLEY... 'CON' TO THE BOYS IN THE KNOW, NEVER STAYED VERY LONG ANYWHERE, HE COULDN'T...

YOU SWINDLER, COME BACK HERE!



HE FELL FOR THAT URANIUM STOCK DEAL HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER, THAT PHONEY STOCK BUSINESS IS TOO DANGEROUS, THE REAL ESTATE DODGE IS SAFEST OF THEM ALL!



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BURKLEY MADE HIS PLANS WELL. HE VISITED TWO GOOD SIZED CITIES BEFORE HE WAS SATISFIED. HE HAD LITTLE TROUBLE FINDING AN ACCOMPLICE...

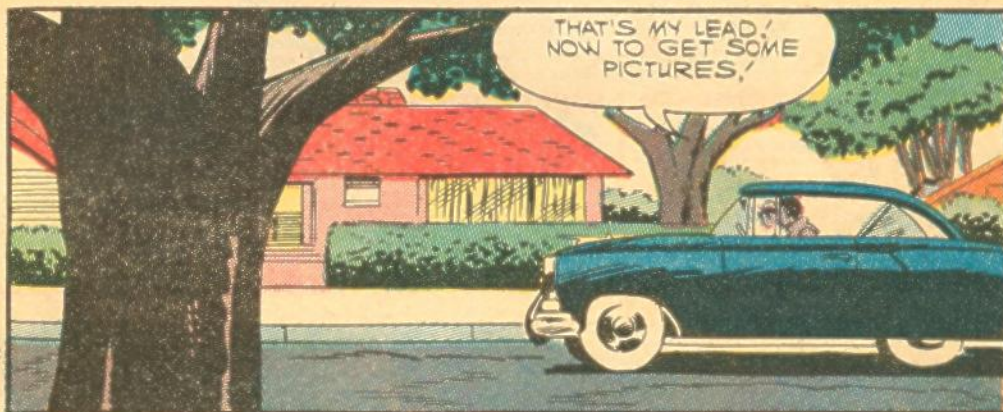
BUT... IT'S ILLEGAL. OF COURSE I KNOW WHICH HOME OWNERS WILL BE AWAY FOR SOME TIME, BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY GET BACK AND FIND THEIR PROPERTY SOLD?



THEN YOU LEAVE TOWN FOR AN EXTENDED VACATION. I CHECKED ON YOU WITH SOME FRIENDS. YOU'RE AS CROOKED AS A SNAKE AND THE BAR ASSOCIATION IS GOING TO DISBAR YOU ANYWAY.



SO CON BURKLEY HAD HIS ACCOMPLICE ALREADY SET UP IN HIS LAW OFFICE. HE AND THE LAWYER, LEO CABBET, COMPILED A LIST OF PROSPECTIVE 'SALES'...



THAT'S MY LEAD. NOW TO GET SOME PICTURES.

THIS SHOULD LOOK GOOD WITH A SALES LETTER, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY SEE A FIFTY GEE PROPERTY GOING FOR TWENTY-FIVE.

BURKLEY HAD A LIST OF PROSPECTIVE BUYERS HE BOUGHT FROM A CLERK IN A LEGITIMATE AGENCY. SO TEN DAYS LATER IN A CITY ACROSS THE STATE...

LOOK AT THIS, HON! REMEMBER THOSE SHACKS WE LOOKED AT FOR TWENTY THOUSAND? LOOK AT THIS.



WE DROVE THROUGH THAT NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKING FOR A PLACE. IT'S PERFECT. CLOSE TO MY JOB TOO.



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ANY CALLS, MISS JAMES? ANY APPOINTMENTS?

YES, MR. BURKLEY, A MR. URBAN WANTS TO INSPECT THE CARLIN HOME, IS CHARLES CARLIN MOVING FROM THE CITY?

PROBABLY, YOU'RE HERE TO TYPE AND ANSWER THE PHONE, NOT TO GOSSIP ABOUT OUR CLIENTS, IS THAT CLEAR, MISS JAMES?

I'LL SHOW URBAN THE CARLIN PLACE, I HAVE TEN OTHER APPOINTMENTS LINED UP, I SHOULD SELL ABOUT EIGHT OF THEM, I'LL BE OUT OF HERE BEFORE ANY OF THE CHUMPS TRY TO PUT A KEY IN THE DOOR!



BURKLEY, ARMED WITH A SKELETON KEY HE ALREADY HAD TRIED, SHOWED THE URBANS THE CARLIN HOME, MRS. URBAN WAS DELIRIOUS WITH JOY...

THE OWNER WANTED ONLY THE BEST, IT'S A SHAME HE HAS TO GIVE ALL THIS UP BECAUSE OF HIS HEALTH,

OH, ARTHUR, I MUST HAVE IT, WHAT A WONDERFUL HOME FOR CHILDREN,



THIS IS A SOUND INVESTMENT, THE DEAL IS FOR HALF IN CASH, OF COURSE,

I CAN MANAGE THAT, I THINK YOU'VE MADE A DEAL,

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MY PROPERTY? WHO ARE YOU?

JUST A MOMENT, MR. CARLIN, MY OFFICE HAS THIS PLACE LISTED FOR SALE, THERE MUST BE A MIS-UNDERSTANDING!



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THE GIRL IN MY OFFICE IS NEW. HER MISTAKE, NO DOUBT. HEH, HEH, COME ALONG, MR. URBAN. I'LL SHOW YOU ANOTHER PROPERTY.

ER... I'LL TAKE THEM TO THE STATION. YOU RUN ALONG, YOU MUST BE BUSY.

BURKLEY LEFT --- GLAD TO GET OFF SO EASILY BUT UNEASY OVER CARLIN AND THE URBANS BEING TOGETHER. AS WELL HE MIGHT BE!

WE'RE SORRY WE TRESPASSED, MR. CARLIN, BUT WE'D BETTER FIND BURKLEY AGAIN. HIS TYPIST MADE A MISTAKE, THAT'S ALL.

MISS JANE'S MADE NO MISTAKE!



MISS JANE'S, ON HER OWN INITIATIVE, CALLED ME IN FLORIDA. I DROVE BACK HERE AT ONCE. THAT MAN, BURKLEY, IS A SWINDLER.

BURKLEY KNEW THE RISKS HE WAS RUNNING BUT HIS ACCOMPLICE DIDN'T. CABNET, FOR ALL HIS LEGAL TRAINING, WAS GULLIBLE TOO...

OF COURSE NOT. GET THIS CHECK CASHED AT THE BANK. YOU ENDORSE IT AND BRING THE MONEY BACK TO ME.



HERE'S SOME POCKET MONEY, CABNET. BY THE WAY, ALL THESE SALES WILL BE MADE IN YOUR NAME. YOU HAVE THE FORGED DEEDS READY, OF COURSE!

OF COURSE! NOTHING HAS GONE WRONG, HAS IT?



MEANWHILE, IN THE RACKET SQUAD CHIEF'S OFFICE...

I'VE WIRED A DESCRIPTION OF THIS MAN TO THE LARGE CITIES. MEANWHILE, MR. URBAN, WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP.

YOU'LL GET IT. WHEN I THINK OF HIM TRYING TO GET MY HARD EARNED MONEY, I'M WILLING TO DO ANYTHING.

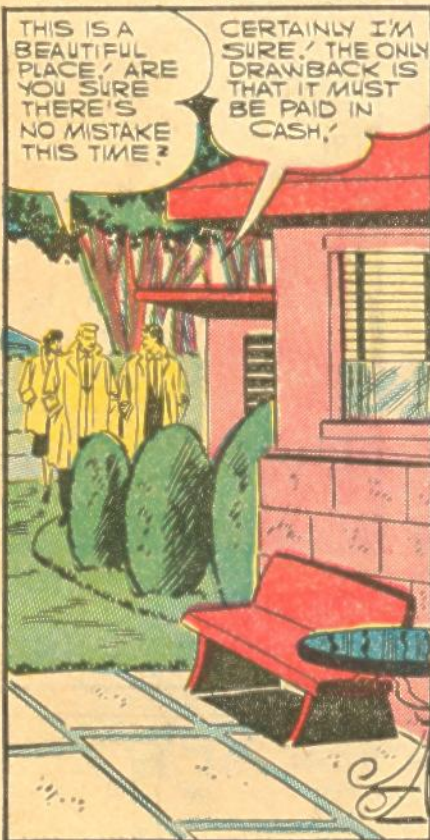


RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

BURKLEY HAD SCHEDULED HIS SALES PITCHES SO THAT ALL THE SALES WOULD BE FINAL ABOUT THE FIRST OF THE MONTH. THEN, MR. BURKLEY, REAL ESTATE AGENT, WOULD DISAPPEAR...

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NO MISTAKE THIS TIME?

CERTAINLY I'M SURE. THE ONLY DRAWBACK IS THAT IT MUST BE PAID IN CASH.



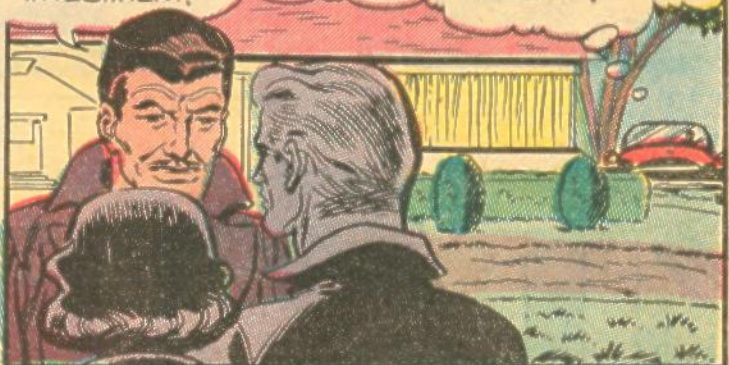
I ONLY HAVE SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ON HAND. IT MAY TAKE ME TEN DAYS TO SCRAPE UP THE OTHER EIGHT.

SEVENTEEN THOUSAND WILL DO. GIVE ME A NOTE FOR THE REST. LET'S GET BACK TO THE OFFICE.



I'M SURE YOU FOLKS WILL BE HAPPY HERE. IT'S A SOUND INVESTMENT.

BURKLEY HAS A NEAT RACKET. ARRESTED NINETEEN TIMES BUT NO CONVICTIONS. SOMEONE ELSE ALWAYS GOES TO JAIL -- BUT NOT THIS TIME.



JUST SIGN THESE PAPERS AND MAKE THE CHECK OVER TO ME. I HANDLE ALL OF MR. BURKLEY'S FINANCIAL DEALINGS.



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

WELL, HE FELL FOR IT. CABBET TOOK THE MONEY BUT IT'LL GO TO BURKLEY.

GOOD WORK, URBAN. YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY BACK AFTER WE ARREST THEM.



I FOLLOWED URBAN AS A DOUBLE CHECK. HE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE RACKET SQUAD, CABBET! SO...

...YOU SET ME UP AS THE FAL GUY, EH, BURKLEY?



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT, IF I GO TO JAIL, YOU GO WITH ME.

FOR WHAT? YOU SIGNED ALL THE PAPERS, YOU ACCEPTED THE MONEY.



YOU SAID IT WAS ALL...

YOU'RE AS CROOKED AS I AM, CABBET, JUST MORE STUPID.



NOW FOR A NICE VACATION IN FLOR... HUH?

I SAID MY OFFICE WANTS TO QUESTION YOU, COME ALONG, BURKLEY!



THE MAN YOU WANT IS CABBET, HE'S IN HIS OFFICE, YOU HAVE NO EVIDENCE ON ME.

CABBET'S OFFICE IS WIRED, WE HAVE A TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR WHOLE SCHEME, DON'T TRY FOR THAT GUN.



I NEVER DID TIME AND I'M NOT... OOOOF!

LATER, AFTER BURKLEY HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH FRAUD AND HALF A DOZEN OTHER COUNTS...



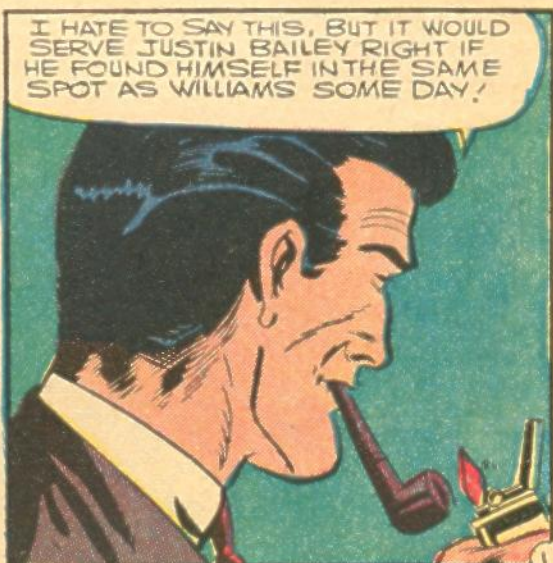
WELL, BURKLEY WON'T SWINDLE ANYONE AGAIN, THAT MARKED MONEY WILL GET A CONVICTION.

AND, IF YOU STILL WANT MY PLACE, MR. URBAN, I'M SURE WE CAN COME TO TERMS! AS MR. BURKLEY SAID, IT'S A GOOD INVESTMENT!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

HIS BROTHER'S KEEPER

BLACKMAIL IS THE CRIME WHICH IS HARDEST TO FIGHT BECAUSE VICTIMS ARE RARELY WILLING TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE RATS WHO BLEED THEM WHITE. / SOME-TIMES, EVEN THOUGH THE VICTIM WILL TESTIFY, THE NECESSARY CORROBORATIVE WITNESSES REFUSE TO TESTIFY BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID THE DIRT WILL RUB OFF ON THEM. / CAPTAIN LYNCH WAS UP AGAINST IT AGAIN. / AS USUAL, THE KEY WITNESS WOULDN'T TESTIFY ...



RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



A MONTH LATER, THE MAN WHO WAS SO SURE THAT ONLY FOOLS FALL PREY TO BLACKMAILERS, FOUND HIMSELF ALONE IN A HOTEL ROOM...



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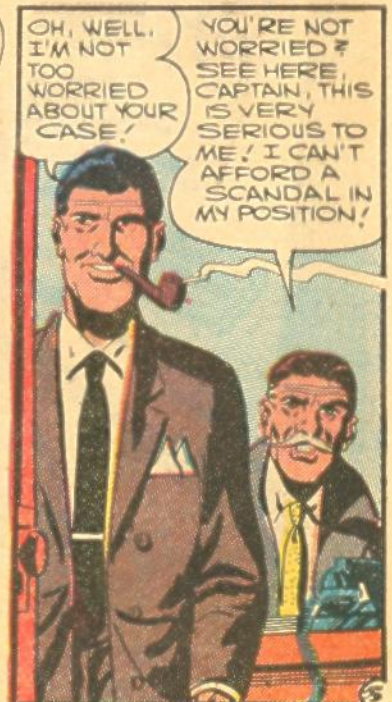
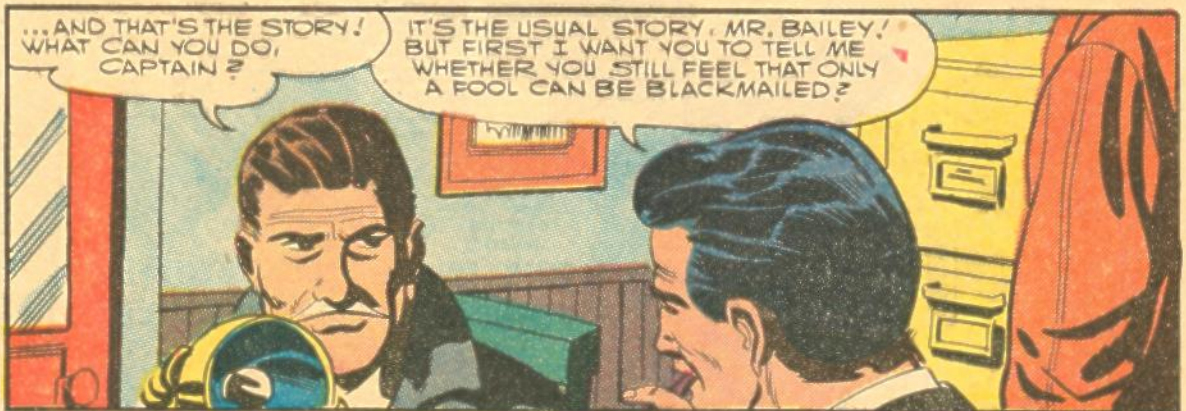
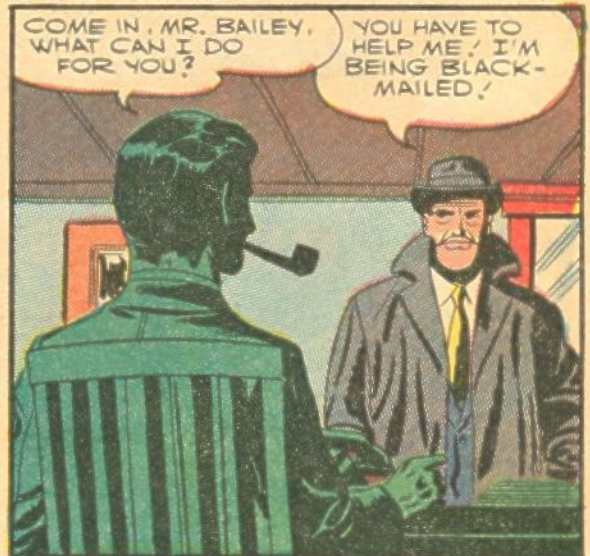
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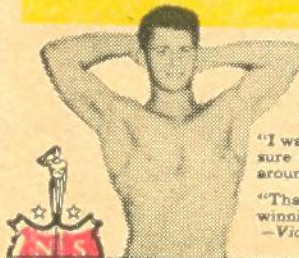
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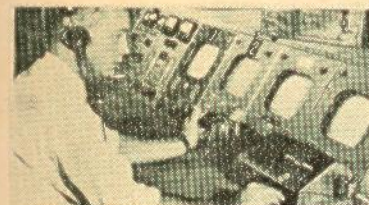
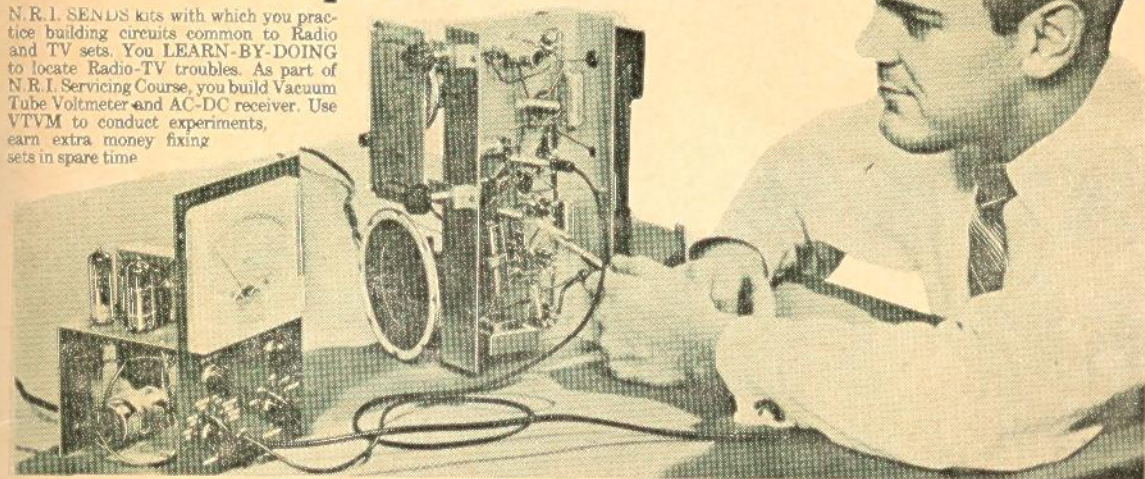
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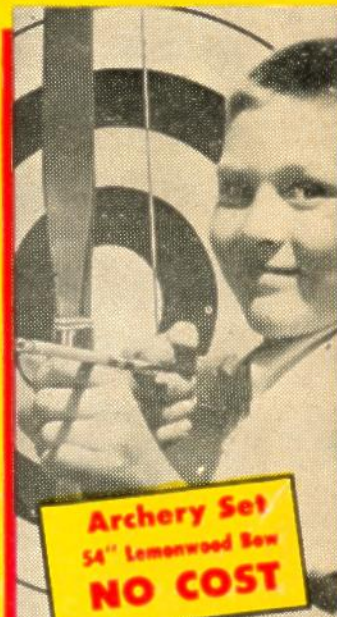
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